

The FCC has become much more active in its efforts to protect the public interest as witnessed by the fines being charged in the aftermath of the 'wardrobe malfunction' and the Howard Stern show. There was no way of knowing beforehand of these events but Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air 'Stolen Honor' days before the election without immediately airing 'Going Upriver' is something the FCC should ensure does not take place.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest in an unbiased way. It is time to stop large corporations from doing as they please and then slapping their hand afterwards.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.